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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, EC
SUBJECT: FY 78 FMS FINANCING

REF: STATE 120316

1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE INFORMED EMBASSY SOME TIME AGO THAT
GOE INTENDS TO REQUEST FY 78 FMS FINANCING. EMBASSY HAS POST-
PONED INFORMING DEPARTMENT IN ANTICIPATION WE WOULD RECEIVE
EQUIPMENT LISTS AND COULD TRANSMIT THEM AT THE SAME TIME.

2. REPEATED WRITTEN AND ORAL REQUESTS FOR EQUIPMENT LISTS
APPARENTLY PRODUCED LITTLE RESULT UNTIL FINALLY, ON MAY 8,
EMBASSY WAS GIVEN COPIES OF LETTERS FROM THE MINISTER OF
DEFENSE TO THE ECUADOREAN ATTACHES IN WASHINGTON CONTAINING
THE LISTS. THE LETTERS, DATED MARCH 20, REQUESTED THE
ATTACHES TO TRANSMIT THE LISTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AND INQUIRE AS TO STATUS OF FY 78 FINANCING. WE HAVE NO
IDEA WHETHER ATTACHES HAVE ACTUALLY RAISED THIS SUBJECT
WITH EITHER DEPARTMENT OR DOD.

3. LISTS CONTAINED IN LETTERS REFER TO AIR FORCE AND ARMY
ONLY. NAVY HAS INFORMED US INDEPENDENTLY THAT IT INTENDS
TO UTILIZE ITS SHARE OF FY 78 FINANCING FOR OVERHAUL
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OF THE EX-USS HOLDER. AFTER REVIEWING LETTERS, WE
ARE CONCERNED THAT BOTH AIR FORCE AND ARMY LISTS CONTAIN
ITEMS WHICH MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR FINANCING. WHEN
INFORMED OF THIS BY MLO CHIEF ON MAY 11, ARMY CHIEF OF
STAFF INSISTED THAT LISTS WERE BEING PROCESSED BY
ATTACHES AND WERE ALL IN ORDER. HOWEVER, COL LUIS TIRADO,
DEPUTY J-4, ADMITTED TO MLO REP ON MAY 12 THAT HE

RECOGNIZES THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE LISTS. TIRADO IS TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ATTACHES AND WILL RAISE MATTER OF EQUIPMENT LISTS.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DSAA, AND/OR APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICES, CONTACT ECUADOREAN ATTACHES AND INQUIRE AS TO STATUS OF EQUIPMENT LISTS, IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. TIRADO IS PROBABLY THE BEST INFORMED PERSON IN ECUADOREAN MILITARY ON FMS MATTERS, AND DEPARTMENT SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE AT THE EC EMBASSY ON OR AFTER MAY 15 TO PURSUE QUESTION OF EQUIPMENT LISTS. IN THE EVENT THE LISTS ARE DEFECTIVE, REQUEST ATTACHES AND TIRADO BE INFORMED FORCEFULLY AND CLEARLY WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE SO THAT THEY CAN IN TURN INFORM SENIOR ARMY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO HELP GET LISTS INTO ACCEPTABLE CONDITION, BUT IT APPEARS THAT EC ARMY BELIEVES IT KNOWS BETTER THAN WE DO.
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